

Bethel Church History

by

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For a number of years people of Bethel and surrounding communities participated in the different school houses. The old Moore school house, built out of logs and located a short distance from the Hornerman Road, was named for Jackson Moore. The Horner school house, built on Abel Horner's farm and named for him, was another place of worship and school. In later years it was replaced by a new building. Another school house named the Big Pill, located on Route 250 at the base of Christ Mountain, got its name from a pill made in the road across the creek.

The above named school houses were the first in the town. In later years a school house was built on F. K. Moore's farm and named the Cherry Grove School because a number of cherry trees stood close by.

Two school houses were built in Hornerman, one in the town and the other one a short distance up the creek from town. They took their name from the town.

Also, at Meyer Siding a school house was used for a number of years as until the hand mill finished sawing.

All of the above named places served a two-fold purpose, a place of worship and school too, but time brings vast changes, so as more people came into the different communities the need for a church was seen.

In the early spring of 1904, a few several men who were doing some sawing for F. K. Moore, one beautiful Sunday evening made the remark that this would be a good time to go to church. Since there was no church to go to, it was decided that two men go up the road and two down to see if a church was wanted.

The men found everyone in favor of a church. No further plans of a place at this were decided between the Southern and the Southern Methodist, so in the early summer of 1904 the Methodists began building their church on the Samuel Horner farm and the church was dedicated here that summer.

This delayed the building of the Bethel Church for a time but in the summer of 1909 a building committee was formed consisting of Ben Sommers, Wallace Carey, Thomas Hatcher and Forrest K. Moore. This committee made plans as to location, size and building material being donated.

Forrest K. Moore gave one acre of ground for the church and cemetery. The present location of the church was the one selected for the building. In the early summer of 1909 carpenters began work on the new church. The head carpenter was Fred Haug and a helper, a Mr. Myles. By early fall it was completed and shortly thereafter was dedicated as the Southern Methodist Church. However, since the merger of the two branches, it is now a United Methodist Church.

In these days a dedication with a free dinner on the ground always drew a large crowd. People came in buggies, road wagons, horseback, and some walked ten miles or more, but not an auto was there. The dedicational sermon was preached by Rev. Jackson Lumber, of Maryland. The first preacher to serve on the Bethel charge was Rev. Albert Vandevander; the next was Rev. H. Q. Barr.

The church has recently been enlarged by the addition of four Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, running water, a modern furnace and aluminum siding was put on the outside for covering. The inside was covered with paneling. A new foundation of concrete blocks, a vestibule and a bell donated by Mrs. Lennie Nottingham was placed in the belfry. At first, chairs were used to seat the people but they proved unsatisfactory, so pews were added. A piano, tables, chairs and a library are used.

Well we know that Old Father Time brings vast changes in communities and churches. Of the large

crowd that attended the dedication less than a dozen are alive today. All of the above named school houses are gone. A church built by the Progressive Brethren near the Hoover school house burned down. The Havenar Brethren Church stands idle for lack of enough members. A few members attend the Brethren Church at Durbin.

The Bethel Church needs more members. We have preaching each Sunday at 9:45 followed by Sunday School.

Mistakes have been made and are still being made in building churches. For lack of cooperation between the Methodist and Brethren, two churches were built while one would have served the needs of the members and saved cost and upkeep of two churches.

May the Bethel Church long continue to function as a place for Christians to worship their Maker and Redeemer while on earth and its influence shed a light on lost souls.

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Settlers in Pocahontas County Before 1800

A special committee of the Pocahontas County Historical Society is completing the final work necessary to locate the cabin sites of the pioneers living in Pocahontas County before the year of 1800. A number of cabin sites have been found but there are still a large number of sites which have not been located.

Of all of the possible cabin sites are located, the sites will be permanently marked and the locations recorded at the Pocahontas County Courthouse. The committee has determined that the following settlers lived in Pocahontas County before the year 1800. The cabin sites of these names marked with an asterisk have already been located.

Backsby-Madison Range Creek Area

Abnerman, Emanuel, An-
 dredge, William, Sr., Ben-
 ner, John, Baker, Henry;
 Bradshaw, John, Bridger,
 James; Bridgett, John;
 Brown, Joseph, Bowers,
 Joseph; "Buckley, Jonathan;
 Clark, Michael; Deady, John;
 Michael, Thomas, Charles;
 "Dunham, Lawrence;
 "Grinson, Thomas; Hwang,
 John; Hwang, William;
 Fife, Jeremiah; "Huffard,
 Thomas, Sr.; "Hay, Robert,
 Gregory, George, Grimes,
 Felix, Holbrook, Timothy,
 Johnson, John; Ross,
 George; "Lapham, Peter;
 Martin Jacob, Matthews,
 Sampson, McCarty, Tim-
 othy, McCallum, William,
 McNeil, Thomas; Moore,
 Aaron; Moore, James;

Moore, John; Moore, Jo-
 seph, Moore, Levi, Sr.,
 "Moore, Moses, Moore,
 Robert; Moore, William;
 Poague, James, "Pawell,
 Stephen; Stamp, John;
 Sharp, William, Sr.; Slater,
 Patrick, Smith, John, Wan-
 den, William, Webb, John;
 Waight, James, Waight,
 Samuel, Young, William

Indian Forts "Hanson, Fort, "Overton

Fort
 Backsby, Mill Point Area
 Beard, Joseph, Brimwell,
 James, Baysen, Nathan,
 Baysen, John, Jr., Burn-
 aldine, John, Burdette,
 James, Carling, Volcanus,
 "Clifton, James; Clea-
 verman, William; Clea-
 verman, Charles, Cochran,
 John; Cochran, Thomas;
 Day, David, Day, John;
 Day, Nathaniel, David,
 Thomas; Davis, John, Dock,
 John, Edwards, William,
 Evans, Griffith, Gililand,
 Samuel, Gililan, Nathan;
 Hannah, David, Sr., Har-
 per, Henry; Hill, John;
 "Hill, Richard; Hughes El-
 is James, David, John;
 John, "Kierman, Charles;
 Kierman, David, Kierman,
 Edward, Kierman, Joseph;
 Lewis, James, Mayes, Wil-
 liam, McGowan, John, Mc-
 Neal, Abraham; McNeil,
 Isaac; "McNeil, John, Mc-
 Neil, Jonathan; Nayler,
 Oltham, Pennell, John;
 Poage, John, "Poage, Wil-
 liam, Salisbury, William,
 Scott, Thomas, Septent,
 Jacob; Switzer, John; Wad-
 dell, Alexander, Waddell,
 William

Indian Forts
 Fort Assala, Fort Burn-
 side, Fort Cleveland, "Fort
 Day, "Fort Mackay, Fort
 Ella.

Dunsmore-Cross Fork Boston Area

Arbogast, Adam, "Bills,
 Jacob; "Barnes, Abram,
 "Caden, John, "Cassid,
 John H., "Cooper, James,
 Gilman, Jacob, "Giffen,
 Hanson, George, William,
 Harrison, Godlip, In-
 graham, Abraham, In-
 graham, Peter, Jarvis,
 Thomas, Searcy, James;
 "Kerr, David, McCassey,
 James; McKassey, James;
 "Monaghan, William, Sr.,
 Rucker, James; Nathan,
 James, Jr., Stillington,
 Robert, "Slaves, John;
 Sloan, "Sloan, John, Sr.;
 Telfman, James, Telfman,
 Samuel, Taylor, William;
 Warwick, Andrew, War-
 wick, Jacob, "Warwick,
 John, Warwick, John, Jr.
 Warwick, William, "Wood-
 ell, Joseph, Woodell,
 Thomas, "Young, John

Indian Forts
 Mouth of Deer Creek
 Fort, Joseph Woodell
 Fort, Warwick Fort at Cle-
 ver Fork, Warwick Fort at
 Dunsmore, "Warwick Fort
 at Cross Fork

If you have any informa-
 tion on the above settlers or
 additional names to add to
 the list, please contact Lar-
 ry Jarvinen, Chairman, 324
 Elk Avenue, Marlinton,
 W. Va. or any Pocahontas

Churches &
Schools

No : 30

Sources :

(1) Dr. Susan A. Paine

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

albums

Date :

Subject :

Two pictures on negative:

(1) Top: Marlinton School and Methodist Church

(2) Bottom: Court House

(1)
source

file

(1)
Society (Postcard)

No: 36
(2 negatives)

Source :

Original in the possession of :

source

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Methodist Church (wooden building)
and school at Marlinton

(Society) (Postcard)



SCHOOL BUILDING AND M. E. CHURCH, MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

No. : 1212

Source :

Dr. N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

Society

source

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Marlinton school building, probably
soon after completion



No. : 12711

No. : 1258

Source :

Dr N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : December 1894

Subject :

Interior of the Marlinton Presbyterian
Church decorated for Scott - Yeager war

No. 1527

Source :

Susan A. Price
Norman R. Price

(Original in the possession of :

source

Society (Postcard)

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Marlinton Presbyterian
Prescent building

Church



1527



W. Darnley Hall



Presbyterian Church, Marlinton, W. Va.



1703

for

right

side

left

S

Court House

No. : 261

Source :

" William

McNeel &
(2) others

Original in the possession of :

(1)

source



file

(2) Society (Postcard)

Print located in :

Date : C. 1908

Subject :

Court House, Marlinton



No. : 744

Source :

Nancy Currence
(Mrs R.F.)

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Court House, Marlinton



N. No. : 175-1

Source :

Dr. N. R. Price
from W. P. McNamee

negative

O Original in the possession of :

(source)

Society

P Print located in :

albums

(file)

I Date :

E Subject :

Court House, Marlinton



No. : 1867

Source : E C. Bell

Original in the possession of :

source

Society (postcard)

Print located in :

albums

(file)

Date :

Subject :

Pocahontas County Court House

Pocahontas County Court House, M.

M.

1807



— CHURCHES (not in towns) AND
CHURCH GROUPS

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : June 21, 1922

Subject :

Photo of people involved in
laying ~~over~~ cornerstone for
Presbyterian Church







1920 KVA 6-21-22
Photo by G. V.









No: 15-8

Source:

Kyle Beard

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

Print located in:

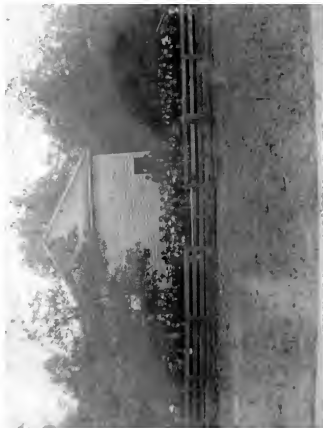
albums

file

Date:

Subject:

Church dedication - Swago Creek



No : 173

Source : Mrs E.C. Whanger

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Top of Allegheny church



Top Allegheny Battle Grounds.

Photo by J. A. Arlquist, Darbin, W. Va.



No: 204

Source: Forrest Wooddell

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

Print located in:

albums

file

Date: Christmas 1904

Subject:


Arboreale Church

standing, left - right: William H Wooddell,
Wardel Arbogast, Earl Streatch, Sam
Elliott, Dr. Mooman, Walter Ralston,
Grady Arbogast, Forrest Wooddell, Luther
Wooddell, ? , John Streatch ^{over}

[illegible]







STANDING - WILLIAM H. WOODDELL - WARDEL ARRA
WATER RALSTON - GRADY ARBOGAST - FAREST
JONN SYREATH
SEATED - CLYDE E. WOODDELL & CHARLIE ELLIOT

CAST - EARL STREATCH - SAM ELLIOTT - DR. MOORE
WOODRILL - LUTHER WOODRILL -

T - CLAUDE GLADWELL - HARRY WOODRILL -

No. : 367

Source :

Mrs A.E.
~~Wilbur~~ Burner

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : 1920

Subject :

Rehearsal for Childrens Day Program
at Durbin Methodist Church

Adults, L-R: Mrs A. E. Burner, Mrs
Wilbur Grogg, Mrs Ed. Hall





367



No. : 426

Source :

Lillian Johnson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Top of Allegheny Church



No. : 415

Source :

Lillian Johnson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Children's Day Program at Arboreale

L-R Wilma Beard, Mable Lambert, ?, ?, ?



No. : 416

Source :

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Group at Arbuckle Mansie for
cutting



No : 439

Source : Nancy Cassell

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Dunmore Methodist Church Sunday
School







No. : 440

Source : Mrs Claude Barkley

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Picnic at Liberty Presbyterian
Church







No. : 459

Source :

Original in the possession of :

Print located in :

albums

Date : 1880's or 90's

Subject :

Group at Liberty Church

source

file

Society







No. : 493

Source : Mrs Moran Keller
Durbin

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject : Mens Bible Class, Durbin Methodist
Church (Southern)

First Row, L-R: Lafayette Simmons, Jack
Carpenter, Wardell Arbogast, H. E. White
Alex Handbarger, Ponce Kerr



No. : 496

Source : Mrs. D. A. Curry

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : C. 1903 - 1905

Subject :

Conference group at Hillsboro







No. : 583

Source :

Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Church group, Durbin Methodist
Episcopal Church







No. : 651

Source : Winfred McElwee

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Group at the Liberty Church, Green
Bank







No. : 652

Source :

C. M. Pritchard

Original in the possession of :

(source)

Society

Print located in :

albums

(file)

Date :

Subject :

Group picture of men attending a
meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery at
Liberty Church, Green Bank



No. : 666

Source :

Nota Shears (M.
Adolphus)

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : C. 1917

Subject :

Pine Grove

Sunday

School group







No. : 721

Source : Edgar Arbogast

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Group at the Arboreal Church







No. : 726

Source : Edgar Arbogast

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : July 1895-

Subject :

"Basket Meeting", Top of Alleghe







No. : 727

Source : Edgar Arbogast

Original in the possession of :

(source)

Society

Print located in :

albums

(file)

Date :

Subject :

Sunday School group, Pine Grove
Church



Rader

Seated, l-r: Jesse Orendorff, Jo Riley,
D. O. Woods, C. C. (Criss) Arbogast, Carl
Arbogast, Herbert Sutton







No. : 1014 Sources : Amos Herald

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : 1910

Subject :

Westminster Presbyterian Church at
Sunset on Knapps Creek

1014



No. : 1114

Source :

Elsie Atkinson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : About 1900

Subject :

Buckeye Church group

Standing, l-r:

Rev Underwood, ? , McNeill,
James McCallum, ? , Johnnie Atkinson, ?
? , ? , ? ,
? , ? , McNeill, ? , ? ,
? , ? , ? ,







No : 1557

Source :

Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : C 1912

Subject :

Sunday School class, Southern
Methodist Church, Durbin

First Row L-R: Maude Burner, Mrs Harry

Gruinn, Virgie McCung, Viola Colan

Champlin, Mrs Mary Folk, Pearl Sizemore

Williams, Lexie Sutton Eades

Second Row, L-R:

Mrs Houston White, Willa

Kerr Wilmoth, Miss Rebecca McKeever

(Teacher), Mrs Minnie Doddrell, Mrs

H. G. Burr (minister's wife), Lela Hall

Arbogast, Bethie Gurn Parg, Docia

Ashford Hudson

Third Row, L-R: Miss Lena McGraw

(Teacher), Martha Grimes, Ruth Low

Edith Foltz Allen



Sunday School Class
Durbin Methodist Church

No: 1614

Source: Mrs Hymon McMillon

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

Print located in:

albums

file

Date: 1919

Subject:

Groups at the Mt Olivet Church
on Droop Mountain

Mr. Jim Shisler and Sunday School
class



1614



No. : 2511

Source : Lula D Gibson

No. : 2005-

Source :

Mrs. Hyman McMillan

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Deep Church



2511

Source :

Eula D. Gibson

No. : 2155-

Source :

Dr. N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date : c. 1890

Subject :

Presbyterian Sunday School at
Huntersville

Source :

No. : 2460

Source :

Doyle Phillips Touchen
1040 Purcell Rd
Richmond, Va

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Top Allegheny Church

Torn down in the late 1930's

2510



put clear and clear

No : 2511

Source : Eula D Gibson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Hamlin Chapel, Stony Creek

Unidentified







No. : 649

Source : S. J. Rexrode

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group



No: 1089

Source: Kyle Beard

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group

1089



No. : 1113

Source : Mrs Allen Sharp

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group







No. : 1175-

Source : Miss Genevieve Moore

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group





